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Message from the Site Manager

As a member of the Pine Bluff Arsenal team since 1987, I've had the privilege of becoming acquainted with many of you. Since accepting overall site management responsibility for the Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (PBCDF) project in October, I've received many messages of support and congratulations, and each is indeed important to me. I cannot adequately express how much I appreciate the endorsement and support of those who, like me, have been long-time members of the Arsenal community. I am especially appreciative of fellow PBCDF staff members and their stated dedication to the successful fulfillment of this project.



*Randy Long
PBCDF Site Project Manager*

I have the utmost confidence in our community as well as the PBCDF staff. First, I know the community's support of the PBCDF project is second to none compared with any of the nation's other stockpile sites. And secondly, the capabilities of the PBCDF staff are exceeded by none within the Army's entire Chemical Demilitarization Program. Boyce Ross, Mark Greer and I are certainly proud of the PBCDF team accomplishments and the spirit of teamwork that has grown to define the PBCDF project. Boyce, the former site project manager who recently accepted a position with the Army Corps of Engineers in Huntsville, Ala., is to be commended for his significant contributions to this team effort.

Mark, a deputy project manager, brings seasoned expertise in safety and environmental compliance to the project. Mark's leadership, along with the entire Washington Demilitarization Company

team, has been key in the unparalleled safety and environmental compliance record PBCDF has achieved. Mark and I have worked closely as deputy directors during the past three years as well as having worked together in various other capacities over the last 14 years. I have a great appreciation for Mark; he is a consummate professional who contributes daily to PBCDF's success.

Construction of the PBCDF is approximately 75 percent complete and we're now advancing toward a focus on the systemization phase of the project. Systemization, simply stated, is final testing of the facility and training of operations and maintenance personnel prior to beginning chemical agent operations. I have many years of direct chemical demilitarization facility systemization and operations experience, as do numerous others within the PBCDF team. Many of us started our participation in chemical demilitarization with the completion of construction and systemization of the Pine Bluff BZ Demilitarization Project in 1987. We accomplished the safe elimination of the chemical agent BZ inventory with chemical agent operations beginning in 1988 and concluding in 1990. Upcoming PBCDF systemization accomplishments will benefit from this unparalleled experience.

The successful completion of the PBCDF mission will require the devotion of the entire PBCDF team—and I want to stress that whenever I refer to our team, I speak inclusively of the Pine Bluff Arsenal, Pine Bluff Chemical Activity and this community.

I am confident the PBCDF team will meet all of the challenges that define our future. The integrity and stewardship of the PBCDF team will ensure a better community for generations to come by safe elimination of the Pine Bluff chemical stockpile. I look forward to working with each of you in the successful completion of this mission.

Randy Long, Site Project Manager

Scoping Meeting Informs, Involves Citizens in Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Disposal Project

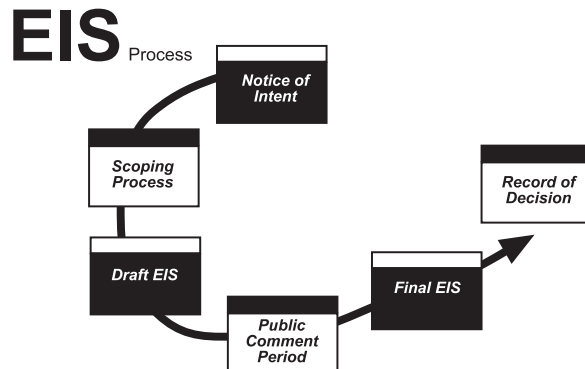
Citizens were provided an opportunity to ask questions and comment on the options being considered for disposal of non-stockpile chemical materiel (NSCM) at Pine Bluff Arsenal (PBA) during a public scoping meeting on Oct. 18. The meeting was the Pine Bluff and White Hall communities' first opportunity for involvement in the U.S. Army's process of developing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the non-stockpile disposal project.

Many area residents are aware of the arsenal's mission regarding its unitary chemical stockpile, which will be safely destroyed using the Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility now under construction. NSCM is chemical materiel separate from the unitary chemical stockpile - and the focus of a unique but also vital mission at PBA.

NSCM items at PBA include binary chemical munition components that were manufactured at the arsenal, recovered warfare materiel and miscellaneous other materiel such as Chemical Agent Identification Sets, which were used in training soldiers in the safe handling, identification and decontamination of chemical warfare agents. Some recovered materiel dates back to the World War I era. About 96 percent of the recovered materiel was found on post, while 4 percent was received from other locations for safe storage and monitoring.

The Army announced its intent to prepare an EIS for NSCM disposal at PBA on Aug. 8, 2001. As required by the National Environmental Policy Act, the Army is providing the public an opportunity to voice their questions and opinions on what should be considered during the environmental review process. Citizens were able to submit statements throughout a public comment period that ended Nov. 21.

The Oct. 18 meeting began with a poster session, which enabled citizens to meet one-on-one or in small groups with specialists to ask questions about the EIS process and the various potential disposal options. After the poster session, a representative from the Product Manager for Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel presented an informative slide show, followed by a question-and-answer period.



Finally, a formal comment period offered citizens an opportunity to comment "on the record" about what they wanted to see evaluated in the EIS.

The draft EIS is anticipated in March 2002, to be followed by a public comment period in which citizens will have another opportunity to voice their questions and opinions about NSCM. The final EIS is projected to be completed the following December, with a Record of Decision on the project expected in about March 2003.

If you have questions about disposal of non-stockpile materiel at PBA, please visit the Pine Bluff Outreach Office, 3007 W. 28th Street in Regency Square, or the White Hall Outreach Office, 8424 Dollarway Road. You also may call our outreach specialists at (870) 534-4901 or 247-2025. You also can call (800) 488-0648 for information about the Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Project.



A citizen discusses non-stockpile options with an Army representative during the informal "poster session" portion of the scoping meeting.

Are You Involved?

Outreach Offices Provide Services and Resources

The Chemical Stockpile Outreach Offices provide the White Hall and Pine Bluff communities with easy access to information about the chemical weapons disposal program. Our goal is to keep you informed, updated and involved.

That goal keeps us on our toes. From June 1 through Sept. 30, 2001, the outreach staff spoke with more than 6,000 area residents. We enjoyed meeting many of you at county fairs and other community events.

You can help the Army and your neighbors by letting us know when your civic group, school, business, church, organization or community has a planned event or outing. We support all of the fairs and festivals in our area. We have spoken to many of you through our speakers bureau program, and we appreciate your interest in updates about the disposal facility at the Pine Bluff Arsenal. The outreach team understands that people have varied interests in the program as well as different schedules and preferences for methods of receiving information. Following are some questions you may have:

What is the Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office?

The outreach office serves the community as an information center for the Army's Chemical Stockpile Disposal Program.

We offer information specific to the Pine Bluff Chemical Activity and provide factual information about the Army's disposal plans for the chemical weapons stored at the Pine Bluff Arsenal.



Outreach specialist Rebecca Farnsworth provides information for PBCDF construction workers during an "in-reach" event.



Outreach Manager Tammy Robinson presents a briefing on PBCDF for White Hall Chamber of Commerce members.

The office is a place where you can ask questions or give your comments about the program.

What can the outreach office provide for you?

One of the most valuable services we offer is the speakers bureau. Learn more about the Chemical Stockpile Disposal Program from professionals with years of knowledge and experience.

We can arrange presentations for your civic group, organization, school, church, or business.

What resources are available?

There are many resources at the outreach office, including:

- Fact sheets
- News clippings
- Information about the Pine Bluff Chemical Activity and Pine Bluff Arsenal
- Materials on the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP)

We have two outreach offices to serve you better.

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We Want To Hear From You

The Pine Bluff and White Hall Chemical Stockpile Outreach Offices serve as a clearing house of information about the Pine Bluff Chemical Activity and the Army's plans for chemical weapons disposal. The outreach offices have materials that address your questions or concerns. The outreach staff also coordinates tours of the chemical weapons storage site.

If you would like more information about the Pine Bluff and White Hall Chemical Stockpile Outreach Offices, please phone 870-534-4901 or 870-247-2025, or complete the right side of this form and mail it to:

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Would you like to be added to our mailing list?

☐ yes ☐ no

Would you like an information packet mailed to you?

☐ yes ☐ no

If you answered "yes" to either of these questions, please complete the following:

name: _____

address: _____

phone: _____ e-mail: _____

Do you know of any groups or individuals interested in participating in a Pine Bluff Chemical Activity and Pine Bluff Chemical Agent Disposal Facility presentation?

name: _____

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